

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 788

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Luke Waring, 2008
Valedictorian of Sevier County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Luke Waring is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Sevier County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Luke Waring has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Waring has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, an exceptionally well-rounded young man, Luke Waring balances his rigorous academic regimen with participation in numerous extra-curricular activities, including the golf team, the baseball team, the Beta Club, the Key Club, Interact, Health Occupations Students of America, National Honor Society, 4-H, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and the Ski Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waring is a deserving recipient of awards in AP U.S. Government, Physics, Chemistry, Algebra II, Music History, Biology I, Combined Studies English II, Economics, and Health Informatics; in addition, he was named a Sevier County High School Super Sevierian and voted Most Likely to Succeed in the senior class; and

WHEREAS, Luke Waring's extensive record of volunteerism in his community includes work with the Boys and Girls Club, Wesley Woods Church Camp, Trula Lawson Early Childhood Center's Developmental Kindergarten class, Sevierville Intermediate's C.D.C. class, Toys for

Tots, St. Jude's Research Hospital, Fort Sanders Sevier Medical Center, and an internship at the District Attorney General's Office; and

WHEREAS, a delegate to the American Legion Boys' State, Luke has also rendered sterling service with the Smoky Mountain Youth Leadership; he founded Smokey's Closet, a clothes closet for disadvantaged high school students; and

WHEREAS, Luke Waring's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he will further his studies through the auspices of several academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Waring's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Leonard and Caroline Waring, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Luke Waring's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Sevier County High School Valedictorian, Luke Waring, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.